



Terwilliger Fire Update

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Public Information Phone: (541) 822-8216 Available 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Special Announcements:

The Public Use Restrictions (PUR) for campfires on the Willamette National Forest has been lifted.

The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30th, 2018 by The Willamette National Forest, remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. Public and firefighters safety remains the priority directive. The Closure Area is all within Lane County Oregon and does not impact Oregon State Highway 126.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards including rocks, debris and fire weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 south to Box Canyon

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.

Acreage: Estimated 11,445 **Completion:** 80% **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

Resources: Total: 189 3-type 2 IA hand crews, 1-heavy lift helicopter, 1-light lift helicopter, 4-engines, 1-dozer, 4-water tender, 2-ambulances, 4-masticators, and 17-heavy equipment. Replacement personnel are arriving as others time out to ensuring proper staffing for operations.

Current Fire Information: Little fire activity has been observed in all divisions over the past several shifts. Crews are working to repair areas affected by suppression activities under the direction of local resource advisors. Repairs include primary roads, ditches and areas disturbed by suppression actions. The goal is prevent further manmade disturbance to the landscape. Heavy equipment and firefighters are being moved to different areas of the fire as repairs are completed. The removal of unstable rock, soil and trees located above the road continues on FR 19. The objective is to complete this work prior to the onset of winter rain and snow which makes these slopes even more prone to erosion and debris movement which in turn can block or damage the road surface Hazard tree falling along FR 500 is ongoing to reduce fire weakened trees along this road system. Logs will be decked for future processing.

Weather: High pressure and dry weather crosses the area through Wednesday. Expect to see a much more typical seasonal pattern of normal to slightly below normal temperatures and occasional shower chances as the upper low approaches from the west/northwest. Weather continues with partly cloudy skies, a slight chance of showers. Lows 35-44/highs 53-62 degrees and minimum humidity's 41-51% into Thursday.

Closures: Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> or on [Inciweb](#).

Information Resources:

Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/> **Email:** terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com

